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FROM : Amembassy PANAMA DATE: November 15, 1962

SUBJECT : GOP Reply to Embassy Note Concerning Shipping to Cuba

REF : DEPTEL. 211 — ara (DOT)

In compliance with the reference cited above, this Embassy on October 25, 1962 sent a note to the Panamanian Foreign Office requesting that appropriate Panamanian authorities be apprised of the terms of the Presidential proclamation of October 23, in which instructions were given to all Captains of U. S. registered merchantmen. The purpose of the Embassy's request was to make possible the promulgation of similar orders to masters of Panamanian merchantmen owned by United States citizens.

The Panamanian Foreign Minister replied that such instructions would not be applicable since the Panamanian Executive Decree Number 269 of October 18, 1962 prohibits all Panamanian ships from every type of commerce with Cuba, without exception.

A copy of this decree was sent to the Department under cover of transmittal slip on October 19, 1962.

For the Ambassador:

William F. Gray
First Secretary of Embassy

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